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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR HANDLING REDIRECTS IN A SEARCH ENGINE

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/764,771	FONTOURA ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Shahid Al Alam	2162

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment and RCE filed on 4/6/2011.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7-11,13-17,19-23,25-29 and 31-35.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

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2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment

4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. Other _____.

/Shahid Al Alam/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2162

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under Ex Parte Quayle, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on April 7, 2011 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on April 6, 2011 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on October 18, 2010. The submission of IDS along with RCE is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Janaki K. Davda on April 7, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claim:

Please amend claims as shown below:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for handling redirects in documents, comprising:

while generating an index,

determining a rank for each of the documents, wherein the rank represents an importance of each document relative to the other documents;

forming at least one equivalence class that includes documents that are connected through a redirect, wherein each equivalence class describes a redirect chain;

detecting cycles for each equivalence class, wherein documents in a cycle are marked so that they are not indexed, and, wherein, for each equivalence class, the cycle is formed when a last document in the redirect chain redirects to a first document in the redirect chain;

detecting incomplete chains for each equivalence class, wherein documents in an incomplete chain are marked so that they are not indexed, and, wherein, for each equivalence class, the indirect chain is formed when a last document in the redirect chain redirects to a document that has not been crawled; [[and]]

selecting a representative for each equivalence class whose documents are to be indexed, wherein the representative is associated with a path that indicates a location of a document in a data store ;

detecting duplicate documents in two different equivalence classes; and
merging the equivalence classes .

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the representative is selected based on a type of redirect in an equivalence class.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the representative is selected based on the rank of each document in the equivalence class.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
locating each document that contains a redirect; and
creating an entry in a redirect file for each document.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the entry includes a source path, a target path, and a redirect type.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[6]] 1, wherein documents are duplicates if a certain portion of their content is similar.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the documents in the at least one equivalence class include a target document and one or more source documents and wherein the selected representative is one of the source documents, further comprising:

propagating the content of the target document to the selected representative.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the documents in the at least one equivalence class include a target document and one or more source documents, and wherein at least one source document includes a path to the target document.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
indexing the content of the target document with a path of the representative.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein marking documents so that they are not indexed includes marking documents to indicate the documents are to be ignored.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising one of hardware logic and a computer readable storage medium including a program for handling redirects in documents, wherein the hardware logic or program causes operations to be performed, the operations comprising:

while generating an index,

determining a rank for each of the documents, wherein the rank represents an importance of each document relative to the other documents;

forming at least one equivalence class that includes documents that are connected through a redirect, wherein each equivalence class describes a redirect chain;

detecting cycles for each equivalence class, wherein documents in a cycle are marked so that they are not indexed, and, wherein, for each equivalence class, the cycle is formed when a last document in the redirect chain redirects to a first document in the redirect chain;

detecting incomplete chains for each equivalence class, wherein documents in an incomplete chain are marked so that they are not indexed, and, wherein, for each equivalence class, the indirect chain is formed when a last document in the redirect chain redirects to a document that has not been crawled; [[and]]

selecting a representative for each equivalence class whose documents are to be indexed, wherein the representative is associated with a path that indicates a location of a document in a data store ;

detecting duplicate documents in two different equivalence classes; and
merging the equivalence classes .

14. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the representative is selected based on a type of redirect in an equivalence class.

15. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the representative is selected based on the rank of each document in the equivalence class.

16. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the operations further comprise:

locating each document that contains a redirect; and
creating an entry in a redirect file for each document.

17. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 16, wherein the entry includes a source path, a target path, and a redirect type.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim [[18]] 13, wherein documents are duplicates if a certain portion of their content is similar.

20. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the documents in the at least one equivalence class include a target document and one or more source documents and wherein the selected representative is one of the source documents, wherein the operations further comprise:

propagating the content of the target document to the selected representative.

21. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the documents in the at least one equivalence class include a target document and one or more source documents, and wherein at least one source document includes a path to the target document.

22. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 21, wherein the operations further comprise:

indexing the content of the target document with a path of the representative.

23. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the operations for marking documents so that they are not indexed include operations for marking documents to indicate the documents are to be ignored.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A computer system including logic for handling redirects in documents, comprising:
a processor; and
while generating an index,

determining a rank for each of the documents, wherein the rank represents an importance of each document relative to the other documents;

forming at least one equivalence class that includes documents that are connected through a redirect, wherein each equivalence class describes a redirect chain;

detecting cycles for each equivalence class, wherein documents in a cycle are marked so that they are not indexed, and, wherein, for each equivalence class, the cycle is formed when a last document in the redirect chain redirects to a first document in the redirect chain;

detecting incomplete chains for each equivalence class, wherein documents in an incomplete chain are marked so that they are not indexed, and, wherein, for each equivalence class, the indirect chain is formed when a last document in the redirect chain redirects to a document that has not been crawled; [[and]]

selecting a representative for each equivalence class whose documents are to be indexed, wherein the representative is associated with a path that indicates a location of a document in a data store ;

detecting duplicate documents in two different equivalence classes; and
merging the equivalence classes .

26. (Original) The computer system of claim 25, wherein the representative is selected based on a type of redirect in an equivalence class.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 25, wherein the representative is selected based on the rank of each document in the equivalence class.

28. (Original) The computer system of claim 25, wherein the logic further comprises:

locating each document that contains a redirect; and
creating an entry in a redirect file for each document.

29. (Original) The computer system of claim 28, wherein the entry includes a source path, a target path, and a redirect type.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim [[30]] 25, wherein documents are duplicates if a certain portion of their content is similar.

32. (Original) The computer system of claim 31, wherein the documents in the at least one equivalence class includes a target document and one or more source documents and wherein the selected representative is one of the source documents, wherein the logic further comprises:

propagating the content of the target document to the selected representative.

33. (Original) The computer system of claim 25, wherein the documents in the at least one equivalence class include a target document and one or more source documents, and wherein at least one source document includes a path to the target document.

34. (Original) The computer system of claim 33, wherein the logic further comprises:

indexing the content of the target document with a path of the representative.

35. (Original) The computer system of claim 25, wherein marking documents so that they are not indexed includes marking documents to indicate the documents are to be ignored.

36. (Cancelled)

Reason for Allowance

4. After a search and a thorough examination of the present application and in light of IDS submission and carefully examining prior art given in the IDS, claims 1 – 5, 7 – 11, 13 – 17, 19 – 23 and 25 – 29 and 31 – 35 (renumbered as 1 – 30) are remain allowed.

The prior art made of records does not teach or fairly suggest the combination of elements, as recited in independent claims 1, 13, and 25. More specifically, the prior art made of record and the IDS submitted on April 6, 2011 do not specifically suggest

wherein determining a rank for each of the documents, wherein the rank represents an importance of each document relative to the other documents; forming at least one equivalence class that includes documents that are connected through a redirect, wherein each equivalence class describes a redirect chain; detecting cycles for each equivalence class, wherein documents in a cycle are marked so that they are not indexed, and, wherein, for each equivalence class, the cycle is formed when a last document in the redirect chain redirects to a first document in the redirect chain; detecting incomplete chains for each equivalence class, where documents in an incomplete chain are marked so that they are not indexed, and, wherein, for each equivalence class, the indirect chain is formed when a last document in the redirect chain redirects to a document that has not been crawled and detecting duplicate documents in two different equivalence classes and merging the equivalence classes.

The dependent claims, being definite, further limiting, and fully enabled by the specification and are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shahid Al Alam whose telephone number is (571) 272-4030. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Shahid Al Alam/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2162

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